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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

B1 new matter
Claim 1 (currently amended) A method of decreasing viscoelasticity of respiratory tract mucus in an animal that does not have a respiratory tract bacterial infection and not for the purposes of treating a respiratory tract bacterial infection comprising administering to the respiratory tract mucus of said animal an effective amount of charged dextran.

Claims 2 – 6 (original)

Claim 7 (currently amended) A method of claim 1 for improving respiratory tract mucus clearance from the respiratory tract of the said animal. ~~in need thereof comprising administering to the animal an effective amount of charged dextran.~~

Claim 8 – 9 (original)

Claim 10 (currently amended) The method of claim 9 wherein the lung disease is selected from the group consisting of: cystic fibrosis, chronic bronchitis, ~~bronchitis~~ bronchitis, bronchiectasis, bronchiolitis and bronchial asthma.

Claims 11 – 14 (original)

Claim 15 (currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the charged dextran is administered to the respiratory tract of the animal in the ~~form~~ form of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a charged dextran and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 16 – 19 (original)

Claims 20-26 (cancelled)

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Claims 27-28 (withdrawn)
